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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-242300, which was published
on September 7, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the
present application; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0052577 to AKI et al., which was
published on December 20, 2001.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent application
publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached and both of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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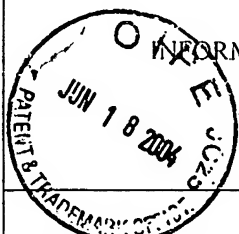
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	1	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-242300.

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